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SUBJ: ALGERIAN GAS RESERVES

1. FRENCH PETROLEUM ATTACHEE SAYS THAT FRENCH COMPANIES HAVE REVIEWED THEIR CALCULATIONS OF ALGERIAN GAS RESERVES WHICH ARE BASIS FOR PRESENT FIGURE OF THREE TRILLION METERS³ OF ALGERIAN GAS RESERVES. REVISED FRENCH FIGURES PUT ALGERIAN GAS RESERVES AT 2.75 TRILLION METERS³.

2. CORE LABORATORIES AND DEGOLYER & MACNAUGHTON ARE BOTH WORKING ON ESTIMATE OF GAS RESERVES. CORE'S WORK HAS NOT PROGRESSED FAR ENOUGH TO MAKE ANY ESTIMATES, BUT DO QUESTION ADEQUACY OF PRIOR SEISMIC WORK TO MAKE RELIABLE DETERMINATION OF ALGERIAN GAS RESERVES.

3. EVEN LOWER FIGURE OF 2.75 TRILLION CU METERS³ ARE SUFFICIENT RESERVES TO MEET ALGERIAN GAS SALES EXTANT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973, BUT MARGIN OF ERROR IS NARROWER ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING DIFFICULT STRUCTURE IN WHICH ALGERIAN GAS IS FOUND.

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